



Duluth Yacht Club

24th Biennial Trans Superior International Yacht Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Trans Superior Race Committee shall represent the Duluth Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

2. START DATE

The start of the Trans Superior International Yacht Race shall be on Saturday, August 1st, 2015 for all divisions.

3. RULES

3.1 The race shall be governed by:

- a. The 2013-2016 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, except as changed by the 2015 Trans Superior Sailing Instructions
- b. The prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association
- c. The Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards Category 3.
- d. The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race (NOR) for any conflicts that may exist between the two documents, this changes RRS 63.7.

3.2 The Trans Superior Protest Committee, in addition to hearing protests and requests for redress, shall have the authority to resolve questions of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements.

4. TIME ZONES

All times shown in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions involving pre-race activities including the start are in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). All post-start race activities including finish times and ready room hours are in Central Daylight Time (CDT).

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the start, notices to competitors shall be posted on-line at http://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=1251. An unofficial copy will also be posted at the George Kemp Marina office in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change or addendum to these Sailing Instructions shall be in the form of an Additional Sailing Instruction issued by the Trans Superior Race Committee. Any additional Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 0700 CDT on the day they take effect.

7. SCHEDULE AND CLASS FLAGS

The Crewed Division is schedule to start at 1300 EDT Saturday, August 3rd. The Single-Handed and Double-Handed Divisions will start at 1305 EDT and the Cruising Division will start at 1310 EDT. A class flag will be displayed for each. The color of the class flag will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

8. PRE-START CHECK IN

All boats must come within hail of the committee boat to check in prior to the starting sequence to ensure they have reached the starting area. Pre-start check in may also made by hail on VHF 68 provided the boat is in the starting area but not within 15 minutes of the first warning signal.

9. STARTING PROCEDURES

- 9.1 The starting area will be situated in the vicinity of Gros Cap Light in Whitefish Bay.
- 9.2 The starting line shall be between a flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the Gros Cap Lighthouse or, in the event a second boat is available, a flag displayed on a second Race Committee boat.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 Individual Recalls - Boats on the course side (OCS) in accordance with RRS 29.1 at their start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee. This changes RRS 29.1. If made, the hail will be on VHF 68 or by loud hailer or voice. Failure to hear a courtesy hail is not a basis for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.2 General Recall – After a general recall has been signaled for a Division, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the removal of the General Recall Flag. Starts for the succeeding class shall follow the new start. This is in accordance with RRS 29.2.

11. COURSE AND MARKS

The Trans Superior International Yacht Race starts in the vicinity of Gros Cap Light in Whitefish Bay, near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and finishes near the entrance to the Duluth Ship Canal in Duluth, Minnesota. Yachts are required to leave Copper Harbor, Michigan to port. Yachts may pass through or around the Apostle Islands. The official race distance is 326 Nautical Miles.

12. CALL INS

- 12.1 All boats shall contact the Finish Line when approximately 30 minutes from finishing by hailing on VHF 68.
- 12.2 Single and Double Handed boats shall conduct a radio call-in to in accordance with the Single-Handed Division Special Sailing Instructions.

13. FINISH LINE

- 13.1 The finish line extends from the end of the North Pier of the Duluth Ship Canal in a north/north westerly direction to approximately 100 yards from shore. A large, cylindrical, orange inflatable buoy in approximately 30' of water will mark the northern most point
- 13.2 The finish line will be manned until 1600 on Wednesday, August 7th. After this time, boats should take their own GPS finish time.

14. FINISHING PROCEDURES

- 14.1 Finishing boats will need to hail the Aerial Lift Bridge on 16 to request a lift. Please be aware that the bridge will only lift on the hour and half hour from 7am to 9pm.
- 14.2 After finishing please proceed under the bridge to the Race Committee Headquarters , which is situated to starboard, to check in with the Race Committee.
- 14.3 All boats shall clear customs in Sault Ste. Marie, MI prior to the start of the race. Any boat not clearing customs prior to the start of the race and arriving from Canada must clear customs prior to crew disembarking. Individual arrangements must be made with customs in Duluth, MN at 218-720-5201.

15. DOCKING PROCEDURES

- 15.1 Space will be provided on the wall behind the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center and Grandma's Sports Garden for boats to dock. Limited space will be available in a more sheltered area nearby. Boats should not dock or raft in any area not designated by the Race Committee.
- 15.2 Boats not docking in space provided may proceed to their own dockage area only after checking in with the Race Committee.
- 15.3 All boats shall be subject to inspection by the Race Committee upon arrival.

16. WITHDRAWAL

- 16.1 Boats that retire shall notify Race Headquarters immediately. A phone number will be published for Race Headquarters prior to the start of the race.
- 16.2 Race tracking transponders must be returned to Race Headquarters in Duluth within **24 hours** of withdrawing from the race.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 Penalties and protests will be handled by the Duluth Yacht Club Protest Committee. Any boat not in compliance with regulations is subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee at Race Headquarters locate at Minnesota Slip within four (4) hours of finishing.

18. SCORING

Each boat shall be ranked by her corrected time in Class. The lowest corrected time is the winner. Corrected times shall be calculated using time-on-time scoring.